

COVERT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Van Buren Co. Road Commission Facility

325 W. James St, Lawrence, MI 49064

PURPOSE: To discuss the current condition and future improvement of the road system in Covert Township and the greater Van Buren area.

The ~~regular~~ special meeting of the Covert Township Board was brought to order by Supervisor Palgen at 5:00 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Supervisor Palgen.

Members Present: D. Palgen, L. Taylor, ~~M. Rendell~~, D. Cook, K. Harrington

Members Absent: M. Rendell,

Also Present ~~from VBC Road Commission:~~ Laura Fogarty, Barry Anttila, Greg Brucks, Linnea Rader, and Jill Brien

Public Comment

None

New Business

- The process to schedule and fund the maintenance and repair of primary roads was discussed. This included the scheduled sealcoating of Blue Star Highway and possible resurfacing and/or widening of CR 376. A lengthy discussion was had on how the County prioritizes and funds projects, as well as how to improve communications to board members.
- The process to schedule and fund the maintenance and repair of local roads was discussed. The 2019 schedule was presented.
- CR 376 was discussed. The VB Road Commission is exploring several options to upgrade CR 376, from sealcoating to crushing, reshaping and resurfacing. If the latter is chosen, it will need to be widened to bring it up to standard.

- The ditching schedule for 2019 was presented. The depth of the ditching and whether blockages can affect neighboring cross pipes and culverts was discussed.
- The boom mowing schedule for 2019 was explained. Concerns regarding blind corners and timing of mowing was addressed.
- Status on cross-pipe replacements was presented.
- Process to repair and replace driveway culverts was discussed. K. Harrington asked the County and Board to consider ways of alleviating the burden on residents who are required to replace their driveway culvert. D. Cook asked how we can better educate the public on their options.
- A discussion ensued on how to improve communication and get more information on open and resolved tickets with the Road Commission and Township. L. Taylor asked the Road Commission on their overall opinion of Covert Township's road conditions.

Motion by D. Palgen to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

Next Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by D. Cook, Covert Township Clerk